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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
09/119,709

Applicant(s)

MCCLENDON

Examiner

Fredrick Conley

Group Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to paper no. 5 filed 7/20/99

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4 and 6

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Larry McKenzie on 08/17/99.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

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In claim 4 delete lines 12-13 insert -(d) fixing means fixing only said foot side of said flat sheet to said foot side of said fitted sheet, leaving all but said foot side of said flat sheet unfixed to said fitted sheet, fixing said foot side of said bed skirt to said foot side of said fitted sheet,--

C2  
In claim 6, delete lines 12-13 insert -(d) fixing means fixing only said foot side of said flat sheet to said foot side of said fitted sheet, leaving all but said foot side of said flat sheet unfixed to said fitted sheet, fixing said foot side of said bed skirt to said foot side of said fitted sheet,--

3. The primary reason for allowance of the claims is the prior art of record does not teach nor does any combination thereof fairly suggest bedclothes having a fitted sheet, flat sheet, and a bed skirt with a fixing means attaching only a foot side of said flat sheet to a foot side of said fitted sheet thereby leaving all but said foot side of said flat sheet unattached

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to said fitted sheet. In the examiner's opinion, it would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art given the prior art of record to have the above structure.

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


U.S. Pat. No. 4,734,947 to Vitale


U.S. Pat. No. 4,035,854 to Pardee

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fredrick Conley whose telephone number is (703) 308-7468.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry Melius, can be reached on (703) 308-2171. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3597.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.

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August 25, 1999

  
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